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Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal Attorney Docket No. : 501082.03 (98-0616.02)
Serial No. : 09/652,841 Group Art Unit : 2815
Filed : August 31, 2000 Examiner : Jose R. Diaz
Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A
CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Submission previously submitted

 - i. Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on January 24, 2003.
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - iii. Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on _____.

b. Submission enclosed

 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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2. Suspension of Action (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months.

3. Accompanying Papers

- Postcard
 Check
 Fee Transmittal Sheet
 Petition

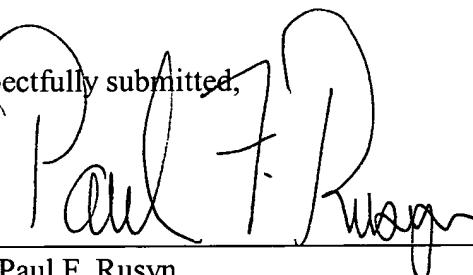
4. Deposit Account

- The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in the above-identified patent application to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

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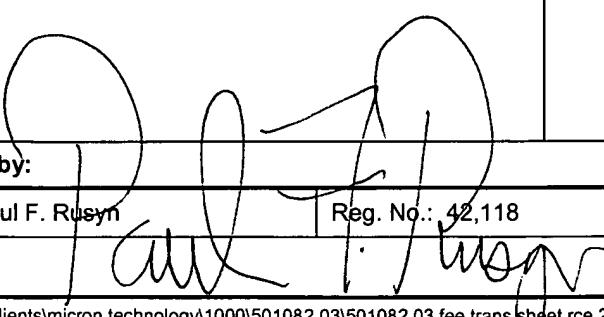
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